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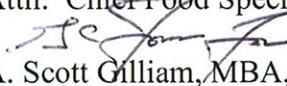
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**DATE:** May 14, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT:** FDA Alerts -Recall of Water-Based Face Paints

**Suggested Action:** **CLASS Unidentified; Recall of Water-Based Face Paints; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The Food and Drug Administration is advising consumers to stop using certain cosmetic "Face Paint" items labeled as distributed by Oriental Trading Co., Omaha, Neb., due to adverse event reports of skin reactions in children. These items were distributed nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

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## FDA Alerts Consumers to Recall of Water-Based Face Paints

*Fun Express, Inc. recalls children's face paint associated with adverse events*

The Food and Drug Administration is advising consumers to stop using certain cosmetic "Face Paint" items labeled as distributed by Oriental Trading Co., Omaha, Neb., due to adverse event reports of skin reactions in children. These items were distributed nationwide.

The FDA has learned of a cluster of adverse events in children exposed to various colors of the face paint. All exposures occurred on the same day at an organized event and included rashes, itchiness, burning sensation, and swelling where the face paints were applied. Significant microbial contamination was indicated in most of the products in testing by an FDA laboratory.

The following Face Paints manufactured by Shanghai Color Art Stationery Company Limited, Shanghai, China, are being voluntarily recalled by Fun Express Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oriental Trading Co.:

Item Number	Product Description	Universal Product Code (UPC)
85/2077	Blue Face Paint	8 8760048110 7
85/2078	Purple Face Paint	8 8760048112 1
85/2079	Red Face Paint	8 8760048114 5
85/2080	Orange Face Paint	8 8760048116 9

85/2081	Black Face Paint	8 8760048118 3
85/2082	Green Face Paint	8 8760048120 6

Fun Express Inc. is recalling the face paints from the market and FDA advises consumers to stop use of these products and discard them or return them to the retailer.

The FDA encourages consumers and health care providers to report any adverse events from face paints to the FDA as well as to state and local health authorities.

Adverse events and product quality problems can be reported to FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program:

- online at [www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm)
- by calling 1-800-FDA-1088
- by returning the postage-paid FDA form 3500 (which may be downloaded from [www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm))
  - by mail to MedWatch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852-9787
  - by fax 1-800-FDA-0178

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